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in general shoot away in all Sorts of Directions, and seem to shift for themselves, as if they were frightened and alarmed at what had happened.

XXII.

*Observations on the Earthquake, March 8.
1749. by C. Mortimer, M.D. Secr. R. S.*

Devonshire-street, near Queen's-Square.

Read March 22.
1750. ON Thursday Morning, March 8.
1749. I awaked a little after Five;
I open'd my Curtains, and observed the Sky hazy: I
drank a Draught of Water, and, looking, on my Watch,
found it to be but half an Hour past 5; and there-
fore was going to lie down again in my Bed; when,
leaning upon my right Elbow, I first felt a Shock,
as if the whole House was violently pushed from
the NW to the SE and then, with equal Force,
pushed back again from SE to NW between
which Shocks I heard a dull Noise; as if something
heavy, but soft, rolled to and-fro' in the Garret over
my Head. I saw the Cornice and Ceiling of the
Room sensibly move, and then perceived a third
and fourth Shock, so slow as to give me Time to
reflect what might be the Event; and then a fifth and
sixth, which I own began to frighten me; the
Strokes seeming to be exceeding strong; not at all
like a quaking or tremulous Motion, but like a forcible
Shoving backwards and forwards; much resembling
the Rocking of a Coach, when crossing the Rutts, or
giving Way to another Carriage. My Son, who lay
in the next Room called out in the midst of it to know
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what was the Matter? saying, the Wainscot Partition between the 2 Rooms seem'd as if rending afunder. The Whole seem'd to have lasted about 3 Seconds. I find that a Post, which supports the above-mentioned Partition close to the Door-case, has given way a little; the Paint being fresh-crack'd; and a Crack in a Wall upon the Stairs is grown something wider. The Door between the two Rooms, which shuts with a Fall-Latch, that was unlatch'd by the first Earthquake, and flapp'd to and fro' three or four times, was not unlatch'd by this last; which I think is an Argument, that by the first the House was lifted up, and that it was not so by the last, but only rock'd from Side to Side.

I am credibly informed of a Pannel of Wainscot in the City being wrenched out of the Groove, and not returning into it again.

XXIII.

*The Rev. H. Miles, D. D. & F.R.S. to the President, containing some additional Observations to his former Accounts *.*

S I R,

*Read March 22.
1750.*

IT having been commonly reported, that there was much Lightning on the Morning, and about the Time when the Earthquake happened on the 8th of this Instant, I was induced to get what Information I could of the Truth of it, in this Neighbourhood. If you shall
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* See this *Transf.* p. 619 and 629.